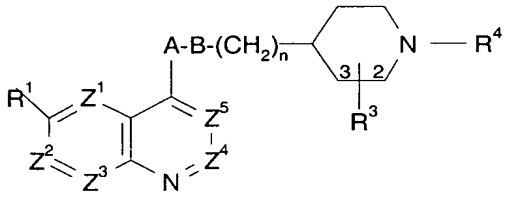
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of treatment of bacterial infections caused by S.aureus, E.faecalis, M.catarrhalis, or S.pneumoniae in mammals, which method comprises the administration to a mammal in need of such treatment of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof:



(I)

wherein:

one of Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, Z^4 and Z^5 is N or CR^{1a} and the remainder are CH;

R^1 is selected from hydroxy; (C_{1-6}) alkoxy optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkoxy, amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino optionally N-substituted by one or two (C_{1-6})alkyl, acyl or (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl groups, NH_2CO, hydroxy, thiol, (C_{1-6})alkylthio, heterocyclylthio, heterocyclyloxy, arylthio, aryloxy, acylthio, acyloxy or (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyloxy; (C_{1-6})alkoxy-substituted (C_{1-6})alkyl; halogen; (C_{1-6})alkyl; (C_{1-6})alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; nitro; azido; acyl; acyloxy; acylthio; (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl; (C_{1-6})alkylsulphoxide; arylsulphonyl; arylsulphoxide or an amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino group optionally N-substituted by one or two (C_{1-6})alkyl, acyl or (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl groups, or when one of Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, Z^4 and Z^5 is N, R^1 may instead be hydrogen;

R^{1a} is selected from hydrogen and the groups listed above for R^1;

R^3 is in the 2- or 3-position and is:
carboxy; (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6})alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethylsulphonyl, (C_{1-6})alkenylsulphonyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6})alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl; cyano; tetrazolyl; 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl optionally substituted by R^{10}; 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione-4-yl; 2,4-thiazolidinedione-5-yl; tetrazol-5-ylaminocarbonyl; 1,2,4-triazol-5-yl optionally substituted by R^{10}; or 5-oxo-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl; or
R^3 is in the 2- or 3-position and is (C_{1-4})alkyl or ethenyl substituted with any of the groups listed above for R^3 and 0 to 2 groups R^{12} independently selected from:
thiol; halogen; (C_{1-6})alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; azido; (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl; (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl; hydroxy optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl or (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl; amino optionally mono- or disubstituted by (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenylsulphonyl or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6})alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6})alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl; oxo; (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenylsulphonyl; or (C_{1-6})aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl;
provided that when R^3 is disubstituted with hydroxy or amino and carboxy containing substituents these may optionally together form a cyclic ester or amide linkage, respectively;
and provided that R^3 is other than (C_{1-4})alkyl or ethenyl substituted by (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl or aminocarbonyl optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl or

(C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6})alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl and 0 to 2 groups R^{12};

wherein R^{10} is selected from (C_{1-4})alkyl; (C_{2-4})alkenyl; aryl; a group R^{12} as defined above; carboxy; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethylsulphonyl, (C_{1-6})alkenylsulphonyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{2-6})alkenyl; cyano; or tetrazolyl;

R^4 is a group $-CH_2-R^5$ in which R^5 is selected from:

(C_{3-12})alkyl; hydroxy (C_{3-12})alkyl; (C_{1-12})alkoxy(C_{3-12})alkyl; (C_{1-12})alkanoyloxy(C_{3-12})alkyl; (C_{3-6})cycloalkyl(C_{3-12})alkyl; hydroxy -, (C_{1-12})alkoxy- or (C_{1-12})alkanoyloxy-(C_{3-6})cycloalkyl(C_{3-12})alkyl; cyano(C_{3-12})alkyl; (C_{2-12})alkenyl; (C_{2-12})alkynyl; tetrahydrofuryl; mono- or di-(C_{1-12})alkylamino(C_{3-12})alkyl; acylamino(C_{3-12})alkyl; (C_{1-12})alkyl- or acyl-aminocarbonyl(C_{3-12})alkyl; mono- or di- (C_{1-12})alkylamino(hydroxy) (C_{3-12})alkyl; optionally substituted phenyl(C_{1-2})alkyl, phenoxy(C_{1-2})alkyl or phenyl(hydroxy)(C_{1-2})alkyl; optionally substituted diphenyl(C_{1-2})alkyl; optionally substituted phenyl(C_{2-3})alkenyl; optionally substituted benzoyl or benzoylmethyl; optionally substituted ~~heteroaryl(C_{1-2})alkyl;and~~ heteroaryl(C_{1-2})alkyl; and optionally substituted heteroaroyl or heteroaroylmethyl;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

either A-B is NHC(O)NH or NHC(O)O, or

A is NR^{11}, O, $S(O)_x$ or CR^6R^7 and B is NR^{11}, O, $S(O)_x$ or CR^8R^9 where x is 0, 1 or 2 and wherein:
each of R^6, R^7, R^8 and R^9 ~~and R^7 R^8 and R^9~~ is independently selected from: H; thiol; (C_{1-6})alkylthio; halo; trifluoromethyl; azido; (C_{1-6})alkyl; (C_{2-6})alkenyl; (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl; (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl; hydroxy, amino or aminocarbonyl optionally substituted as for corresponding substituents in R^3; (C_{1-6})alkylsulphonyl; (C_{2-6})alkenylsulphonyl; or (C_{1-6})aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{1-6})alkenyl;

or R^6 and R^8 together represent a bond and R^7 and R^9 are as above defined;
or R^6 and R^8 together represent –O- and R^7 and R^9 are both hydrogen;
or R^6 and R^7 or R^8 and R^9 together represent oxo;
and each R^{11} is independently H, trifluoromethyl, (C_{1-6})alkyl, (C_{1-6})alkenyl, (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkylcarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-6})alkenylcarbonyl, (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{1-6})alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6})alkyl or (C_{1-6})alkenyl;
provided that A and B cannot both be selected from NR^{11}, O and $S(O)_x$ and when one of A and B is CO the other is not CO, O or $S(O)_x$.

Claims 2-11 (Cancelled).

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of bacterial infections in mammals comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein R^3 is other than (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, CN or COOH.

15. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound <u>of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof</u> in which Z^5 is CH or N and Z^1-Z^4 are each CH.

16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound <u>of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof</u> in which R^1 is methoxy, amino- or guanidino-(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, guanidino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, piperidyl(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, nitro or fluoro, and R^{1a} is hydrogen.

17. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound <u>of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically</u>

acceptable derivative thereof in which R^3 is in the 3-position and is CH_2CO_2H or 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl.

18. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in which $AB(CH_2)_n$ is $(CH_2)_3$.

19. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in which R^4 is (C_{5-10})alkyl, unsubstituted phenyl(C_{2-3})alkyl or unsubstituted phenyl(C_{3-4})alkenyl.

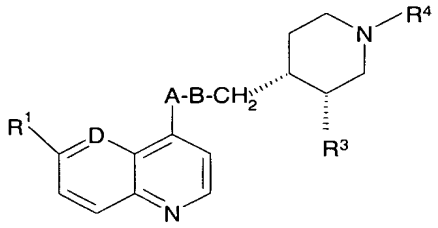
20. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in which Z^5 is CH or N and Z^1-Z^4 are each CH; R^1 is methoxy, amino- or guanidino-(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, guanidino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, piperidyl(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, nitro or fluoro, and R^{1a} is hydrogen; R^3 is in the 3-position and is CH_2CO_2H or 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl; $AB(CH_2)_n$ is $(CH_2)_3$; and R^4 is (C_{5-10})alkyl, unsubstituted phenyl(C_{2-3})alkyl or unsubstituted phenyl(C_{3-4})alkenyl.

21. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering a compound which is:
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(1-(R or S)-hydroxy-2-cyanoethyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]piperidine;

[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(2-(R or S)-oxo-oxazolidin-5-yl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl) propyl] piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl) propyl] piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(3-carboxyethyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl) propyl] piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-carboxy–4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl) propyl] piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(carboxymethyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl) propyl] piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(1-(R or S)-hydroxy-2-carboxyethyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-(2-(*E*-)-carboxyethenyl)-4-[3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]piperidine;

N-(cis-3-(R/S)-Ethoxycarbonyl–1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-piperidyl)-N'-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)urea;
N-(cis-3-(R/S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-piperidyl)-N'-(6-methoxy-[1,5]-naphthyridin-4-yl)urea;
N-(cis-3-(R/S)-Aminocarbonyl–1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-piperidyl)-N'-(6-methoxy-[1,5]-naphthyridin-4-yl)urea;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-4-[3-(R/S)-hydroxy-3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]-3-(2-(R or S)-oxo-oxazolidin-5-yl)-piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-cyanomethyl-4-[3-(R/S)-hydroxy-3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]piperidine;
[3R, 4R]-1-Heptyl-3-cyanomethyl-4-(2-(R)-hydroxy-3-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)propyl]piperidine;
N-(cis-3-(R/S)-Carboxy-1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-piperidyl)-N'-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)urea;
cis-3-(R/S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)aminocarbonyl-oxypiperidine;
cis-3-(R/S)-Carboxy-1-heptyl-4-(S/R)-(6-methoxyquinolin-4-yl)aminocarbonyl-oxypiperidine;
a compound of Examples [[18 to -36]] 18 to 36 from Table 1 as depicted below:

TABLE 1



Example	A-B	n	R^1	D	R^3 ~~R_3~~	R^4 [[R_4]]
18	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2CN	n-heptyl
19	$CH(NH_2)CH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2CN	n-heptyl
20	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	5-methylhexyl
21	$CH(N_3)CH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2CN	n-heptyl
22	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	$CONH_2$	n-heptyl
23	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	n-hexyl
24	~~$CO.CH_2$~~ $COCH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2CN	n-heptyl

25	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	$CH_2CH(CH_3)COOH$	n-heptyl
26	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	cinnamyl
27	CH_2CH_2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	3-phenylpropyl
28	CH(OH)CH2	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	n-heptyl
29	$CH(NH_2)CH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	n-heptyl
30	$CH(OH)CH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH(OH)COOH	n-heptyl
31	~~$CO.CH_2$~~ $COCH_2$	1	CH_3O	C	CH(OH)COOH	n-heptyl
32	$CH_2CH(OH)$	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2COOH	n-heptyl
33	NHCO	1	CH_3O	N	CH_2COOH	n-heptyl
34	CH_2CH_2	1	OH	C	CH_2COOH	n-heptyl
35	NHCOO	0	CH_3O	C	$CONH_2$	n-heptyl
36	oxirane	1	CH_3O	C	CH_2CN	n-heptyl

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of any of the foregoing compounds.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein R^3 is other than (C_{1-6})alkoxycarbonyl; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl, CN or COOH, ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof,~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

24. (Cancelled).